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World's U. N. Issues
In New Handbook

Welcome news for those who collect stamps of the United Nations and other nations which have issued them as a tribute to the UN or its Agencies is "The United Nations — Ten Philatelic Years — 1945-1955". It is compiled and edited by Marian Carne Zinsmeister, a recognized philatelic student known for her devotion and tenacity on a project.

Mrs. Zinsmeister has several other fine reference books to her credit, a full detailed study of the issues for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, Souvenir Sheets of the World, Austrian Stamps and others. All are marked by the comprehensiveness of the information contained.

Publication of this new one is by the Society of Philatelic Americans and offered for sale through its sales agent, Stephen G. Rich, P. O. Box B, Verona, N.J. at \$1 postpaid.

This handbook will be of great help to the collector of United Nations stamps. In it the author gives, in tabulated format, Scott's catalog number and type, first day, process, paper, perf, designer, engraver, printer, purpose, value, color, design and notes on number issued, cachets and commemorative postmarks. The data includes stamps issued by member nations and others, from Afghanistan through Viet Nam, in connection with U.N. Days, 10th anniversary issues and meetings and conferences of the specialized agencies, concerning more than 85 separate issues in addition to those of the United Nations.

There is included a concise history of the United Nations and the functions of the specialized agencies, together with a list of the member-nations and date of their admission to the U.N.

This 44-page book, is profusely illustrated. Much of the information has not appeared in the philatelic press but had to be secured through correspondence with the governments and collectors in the various countries.

As and when additional definite information on these interesting stamps can be secured the Society of Philatelic Americans expects to publish such further data in the S.P.A. Journal, the monthly philatelic magazine sent to each member of the society.

Madonna On Stamps
Handbook Offered

Those Religion on Stamps collectors who specialize in designs depicting the Madonna have a nice handbook available. It is "Die Madonna In Briefmarken-album", edited and published by Josef Franz Aumann, Stephanus Verlag, Zollergasse 34, Vienna 62, Austria.

The only minor handicap encountered is the German text—and this is called minor even for non-German speaking users. Many of the stamps are pictured in sharp illustrations.

The subject is broken down by countries in alphabetical order. The Madonna stamps are listed by design and denomination with the source of the design given, and if adapted from an existing work of art, the place where the artwork reposes.

There are 36 pages bound between card covers—the edition is pocket-size. Selling price, postpaid, is 75c from the address above.

Montreal Club Reelects
Dr. St. Martin Prexy

Results of the annual meeting of the Union Philatélique de Montreal (Canada) found Dr. Maurice St. Martin, reelected as president; Nick Lagios was elected vice president.

Others named to office were Yvon Hurtubise, secretary; Roland Lauzon, treasurer. Jacques des Forges is the director of the junior club.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Plans are already under way for the 25th anniversary exhibition and banquet to be held next year.

Irish Pair Will
Honor Author

The special stamps in honor of Thomas O'Criomhthain (Thomas O'Crohan), the fisherman from the Blasket Islands whose autobiography "An t-Oileannach" (The Islandman) achieved wide international fame, will be issued on July 1, advises the Department of Posts of Ireland.



They are in single size and have been recess-printed by Messrs. De La Rue at Clonskeagh, Dublin, on paper watermarked with the letter "E". Denominations are 2d agate, and 5d violet. The perforations are 14 x 15.

Covers for first day service must be fully addressed and accompanied by a remittance (9c U.S. each) to pay the value of the stamps required. They will be serviced by the Controller, Philatelic Section, General Post Office, Dublin, Ireland, and the Postmasters of Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Galway, Dun Laoghaire and Wexford provided they are received not later than June 30. A special postmark will be impressed on first day covers posted at the offices mentioned.

Envelopes will not be supplied or addressed by the Post Office.

Airmail must be used for first day service because of the shortage of time. This is 15c per half ounce. Payments can be made by money order, bank draft or certified check. Stamps, coins or reply coupons are not taken in payment.

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Convention Cachets

Attractive cacheted envelopes have been prepared for the 63rd Annual Convention and Exhibition of the Society of Philatelic Americans to be held in Long Beach, Calif. August 15-18. They are now available from the Long Beach Stamp Collectors Club, Inc., host to the convention. They consist of two different colors, one green and the other a reddish, copper brown on high grade rag content envelopes. They will be franked with appropriate commemorative stamps and cancelled with the special convention cancellation.

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Frances Shroder

The Women's International Stamp Club has three types of membership — Regular, Associate and Correspondent. I am a regular member and, in addition, a corresponding one.

I like to receive my material direct. Not only do I obtain sound copies of new issues, but I also receive many first day covers, postally used covers addressed to me bearing hard to get postmarks, minor errors and varieties and many other oddities which I never see elsewhere.

I have been exchanging stamps with people in many countries for a long while. I have correspondents in Canada, England, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, Cyprus, Malta, Kenya, Union of South Africa, Macau, Pitcairn Island, Indonesia, Hong Kong, etc. From each and every correspondent, I have received many stamps and covers which I treasure.

It has never been my practice to check each item received and/or sent against a catalog. I have always informed my correspondents that I will send them all new issues as they come out and whatever older material I have or obtain from time to time, and that I should like the same from them. And, strange as it may seem, I have never felt that I have been "gypped" and, as far as I know, I don't think any of my correspondents have either.

In addition to the exchange of stamps, I have made many fine friends, having met some of these people and been to the homes of others, and I have learned much about the people and customs of many countries, all of which has made my life a little richer.

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"Well, we'd better do something with reference to same. I found a superb copy of Israel No. 9 in my bowl of cornflakes this morning."

"I hope you didn't eat it," I said.

"Are you kidding," said Miss Frump. "I get indigestion just the mere idea of stamps. When I think I came to Hollywood to be a cinema star —! You shouldn't ought to have bought so many stamps in the initial place."

"I bought 'em cheap," I said.

"Well, sell 'em cheap," she said. "Only for crying out loud don't advertise another mixture. This place ain't big enough to accommodate all the mail which ensues. I'm getting tired of typing out orders meantime sitting on pile of unopened correspondence. Truly I am."

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A Matter Of Opinion

We get a lot of letters from readers who praise our efforts and now and then a sincere letter which both praises and at the same time points out ways and means for improvement. It is but natural that comparisons are made, references to others are included. We have had a letter from a Mr. Preston Charles whose home is in Virginia and the letter was written on December 14. That is some time ago, but this communication was so full of interest in many ways that we have kept it all this time and we have read it often. We have now decided to publish it because it seems to be a very thorough examination into many subjects which should interest the stamp collecting world, with praise and criticism in many directions.

We do not object to criticism of our publication, in fact we study such criticism and hope to benefit from it. The statements made by Mr. Charles are his own views, not necessarily agreed to by us in all ways. We think many of his points are good, there are some we can not fully agree with but believe in letting others speak their opinion as they see things.

Mr. Charles is unfair in trying to put forth the idea that stamp publications are

equally able with photography publications to pay for articles. Mr. Charles fails to recognize the fact that a photographic publication, comparable in size and format to this paper, would get a far bigger price for advertising space than any stamp paper ever got, and is thus better able to pay for copy. This is true of trade publications of almost any other type. So here is the letter from Mr. Charles under date of December 14, 1956.

"Dear Mr. Linn:

"I agree with you totally about the trouble with national stamp societies, with respect to their publications. I belong to two stamp societies—APS and BIA. While both of their publications are well written, neither seems to make any great effort to appeal to the stamp-buying public. Both seem to have writers who appear to be interested principally in putting each other on the back and giving occasional bits of specialized information to the "serious" collectors, whose number, I am persuaded, is so few as to be practically nil.

"I recall that one of the first APS journals I read after joining the organization had a long article about plating of the first issue of Czechoslovakia. This was interesting, no doubt, to those specializing in Czechoslovakia, but it was of no interest whatever to 95 per cent of the collectors, granting that 1 per cent were interested in knowing whether some of the apparently common stamps in their collections had an added value.

"True, the APS journal has a commendable series on Fundamentals of Philately, which tells many experienced collectors about the answers to the problems they constantly encounter that are difficult to solve. Still, APS could just as well publish these articles in book form, and I am sure they would find a ready sale. I, for one, would buy such a volume, for it is just too much trouble to look up these subjects in the appropriate issue of the magazine.

"I understand that David Lidman, the former editor of the APS journal, once published a very fine philatelic publication, which unfortunately went under for lack of sufficient readers. After seeing Mr. Lidman's production as editor of the APS organ, I can understand why. With all respect to Mr. Lidman's honesty, sincerity and scholarship, his own magazine just didn't have the appeal to the average collector.

"Mr. Lidman, like myself, has been a newspaperman—doubtless one who dislikes to see form passing for substance. He wanted to produce the best possible philatelic journal—one that would meet the highest standards of the serious collector. Apparently, though, Mr. Lidman, failed to bear in mind that the average newspaper reader and the average stamp collector read the editorial and feature sections last of all. They take the comic page and the front page first. When I was a boy, I read the comic page first and then the front page. The only change I have made through the years, after 20 years as a news reporter, is to reverse the order: I read the front page first, then the comic page.

"The problem of what interests the public may never be solved, but all publications have got to reach some tentative solution or go under. All of us may deplore the fact that the public is more interested in reading about a murder than about the constructive efforts of the city government to eliminate slum housing. But at the same time we must admit that we ourselves, who are in the publishing and news reporting business, are more interested in jailbreaks than in scout jamborees.

"While I think your magazine has numerous faults, I say also that it is the best I have ever read. Somebody in authority has a good idea what stamp collectors like to read. We are not interested in the opinions of George Linn for several pages of the paper, but we are interested in what George Linn says in one column on Page 4. We don't care about slick paper, unless what is printed on the paper is of interest. Few of us save our philatelic publications; therefore we do not care for a confusing system that numbers by volumes instead of issues. We do not care for George Linn's boasting about his circulation, but all the same we read it and are impressed in spite of ourselves, because we are used to reading George Linn's editorials and know he is honest and a square shooter who fights for a clean hobby.

"As I said, Linn's could be a lot better than it is, but to my mind Linn's is the only stamp publication that has character and personality. I am not easy to please either, because—although I am a newspaperman by trade—I am displeased with most of the American daily and weekly press. I am displeased because there is too much space filling and not enough honest reporting. Linn's I think, has more circulation than other philatelic publication because, not in spite of, its disposition to step on toes whenever necessary.

"I agree with you, Mr. Linn: The philatelic journals run by national societies should either jazz up their publications or suspend publication. And the only way they can jazz them up, in my opinion, is to spend a little money and hire professional editors or reporters who are also stamp collectors to run them. If they are unable to do that, they should suspend and rent some space in one of the leading commercial stamp magazines. And if they can't rent enough space to run the proceedings of the national convention, it would be all right with 95 per cent of the members to print the proceedings on mimeograph and mail the copies out.

"Besides being a collector, I am also a small-time dealer. I have advertised in Linn's and the APS journal, and my experience indicates that Linn's gives far more for the money than does the APS publication. I assume the same is the case with other leading com-

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SMILEATELICS

Bob Rieker



"Working on Civil War stuff to night, eh?"

Stamp Hobby Leads To Altar

Mrs. Thomas A. Cotter

Ten years ago when I was living in New Zealand, my native home, and ten thousand miles distant from the United States, I received a letter from an unknown correspondent in Springfield, Mass. He asked me to send him some stamps of the same kind as I had sent to my girl friend Stella who had married an American Navy man. He was Chief Pharmacist's Mate at the Chelsea Hospital where my correspondent was a patient. He had suffered a bad fall on the ice in Springfield where he was Chief Recruiter at the Recruiting Office.

As my friend Stella wrote in a letter I received at the same time, this patient was "nuts about stamps" and had one of the best collections in Springfield. I had a collection of New Zealand with topical for a sideline and belonged to a local philatelic society.

I answered the letter and enclosed some of my country's stamps as requested. That letter was promptly answered and we found out facts about each other and our countries, as well as about stamps. As time went on the letters grew warmer and more frequent until a proposal of marriage came and this was accepted in the same way. The engagement ring came by mail all the way from Springfield, Mass., to Napier, New Zealand, timed to arrive for Christmas 1947.

By July 1948 arrangements had been completed for me to fly to the United States to meet and marry Thomas A. Cotter who during his Naval career of some thirty odd years had made more than one trip to New Zealand. I remember when the U.S. fleet visited. I was a schoolgirl at that time and was allowed with the rest of the children of our school to visit the U.S. ships. Who knows I may have first seen Tom then!

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Newfoundland Stamps Have Eye-Catching Designs; Lots Of Material For Topicalists

Mrs. Lillian Bailey

Confederation with the British Commonwealth came to Newfoundland in 1949. At that time Newfoundland ceased to issue its own stamps. The bi-lingual ones of Canada took the place of the pictorial designs for which this island had been celebrated for nearly one hundred years. It is difficult to realize it now but the Centenary of Newfoundland Postage Stamps would have been celebrated this year, 1957.

Before the first were printed, Postmaster Simon Solomon who had been appointed in October 1809 and was also a watchmaker and jeweler, had engraved dies to be used to mark the prepayment of letters. When he died in 1839 his son William Solomon succeeded him. It was he who ordered the printing of the first ones and saw to their release on January 1, 1857.

These are the classics of Newfoundland. They came in several shapes, including the famous triangular three-penny. They were uniform in design and bore the floral symbols of England, Ireland and Scotland. Values were expressed in shillings and pence. There is a variation in rarity according to the kind and quality of the paper on which they were printed and to the shades in which they appeared. These were the forerunners of a stamp history which, in the colorfulness of the stamp designs and the representation of them in persons, places and things associated with the history and traditions of the island, made Newfoundland one of the world's most popular countries among stamp collectors.

The "pence" series was replaced by a beautifully engraved one in the classic style of those years depicting Queen Victoria (two designs), Albert, the Prince and a codfish.

In 1887 the design of the head of a noble Newfoundland dog was used for the half cent value. Ten years later appeared the Jubilee the first of many historical and industrial commemoratives. The 1897 set celebrated the Jubilee of Queen Victoria and the 400th Anniversary of the Discovery of Newfoundland by John Cabot. Besides the portrait of Queen Victoria, only one other historical portrait appears in that set and that is the 60c showing King Henry VII who had granted John Cabot his Charter.

Cabot's ship, the "Matthew," adorned the 10c and Cape Bonavista, where Cabot landed, was chosen for the 3c. Other designs showed loggers hauling wood by oxen, fishermen hauling a codfish trap, and miners on Bell Island working in the ore mines. My father was one of the first men to go down in the mines. These stamps representing the industries are particularly dear to me.

In the following year, Newfoundland began the custom of depicting the sovereign and his immediate family on stamps. That set portrays Edward VIII as a child, Queen Victoria, King Edward VII as Prince of Wales, Queen Alexandra as Princess of Wales and King George V as Duke of York; then in 1901 Queen Mary as Duchess of York. Here I found a rich collection when I arranged a page of British Queens on stamps.

Another historical set appeared in 1910 to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the colonization of Newfoundland by John Guy. Besides the portrait of John Guy, there are also those of King James I, King Edward VII, King George V, the picture of Guy's ship, the "Endeavour", the Arms of the London and Bristol Company, the portrait of Lord Bacon and scenes in Newfoundland. The stamps tell the story of the colonization of Newfoundland.

To celebrate the Coronation of King George V, Newfoundland issued the Royal Family set in 1911. More genealogy is shown in this issue, more queens and kings.

The "Trail of the Caribou" series symbolizing the service of Newfoundlanders in World War I appeared in 1919. There are two types and on each stamp of one type appears the name of a different action in which Newfoundland troops took part.

Two pictorial sets were next issued, one in 1924 and the other in 1928. Wonderful scenes of Newfoundland and fine Royal Portraits are shown. They include a design showing the First Non-stop Trans-Atlantic Flight and a scene in Heart's Content, that spot this is nearest to Ireland. Another showing the Trans-Atlantic Beacon seems to foretell the present era of air transportation of mail, cargo and passengers.

To commemorate the formal Annexation of Newfoundland to England on August 5, 1583, Newfoundland in 1933 issued the Sir Humphrey Gilbert set. It has the

entire story depicted on stamps including a portrait of Queen Elizabeth I by whose authority Letters Patent were issued to Sir Humphrey Gilbert who thereby founded the British Empire at St. John's, Newfoundland.

The 1935 Silver Jubilee set commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Reign of King George V carried the same design as those issued for the entire British Empire. The same is true of the denominations 2c, 4c and 5c of the Coronations honoring King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1937, but Newfoundland, true to tradition, added eleven other stamps showing a portrait of King George VI and typical Newfoundland subjects: a codfish, the map of Newfoundland, a Caribou, the Corner Brook Paper Mills, a Salmon, a Northern Seal, Cape Race, Loading Ore from Bell Island, the Sealing Fleet, the Fishing Fleet leaving for "The Banks" and my favorite, a Newfoundland Dog.

In 1938 there followed stamps honoring King George VI, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth and Queen Mother Mary. The stamp showing Princess Elizabeth, as a child, is featured in many topical collections.

A special Royal Visit stamp



TABLE FULL OF TROPHIES. These were presented to winning exhibitors in the recent Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition at Denver, Colo. Discussing the "jewelry" are left to right, Dave New, chairman; Fritz Letkemann a winner; Dexter Brown. It was claimed to be the most successful philatelic affair in the "mile high" city since the APS Convention and Exhibition of 1948.

showing King George VI and Queen Elizabeth was released in 1939.

To honor the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Grenfell Mission by Sir Wilfred Grenfell, a stamp with his picture and the "Strathcona II" the boat used in the Grenfell service was issued by Newfoundland in 1941.

The last stamp released by Newfoundland was that of 1947 to commemorate the 450th Anniversary of John Cabot's arrival off Cape Bona Vista, Newfoundland.

Of all the Newfoundland issues, the Newfoundland Dog stamp of 1931-1937 gives me special pleasure because as a little

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boring India had frequent border skirmishes with Bhutan and finally invaded it in 1865. The British officers and NCO's, involved were amongst the last outsiders to set foot in the state for almost a century! Although this "war" ended with a British victory, the victors ended up by paying the vanquished an annual subsidy!

After the British departure from India in 1949 the new Indian authorities stepped into their role and even increased the established subsidy. In turn, Bhutan's "foreign affairs" are under Indian control, but India's ties with this neighbor are exceedingly loose due to the difficulty of getting across the few passes which lead into the mountain state.

During most of the year, these passes cannot be crossed at all because of weather conditions, hence the Indian representative only ventures into Bhutan once every three years! There is not a single wheeled vehicle in all of Bhutan and everything has to be carried by mules over precipitous mountain passes and trails. As yet, there are no schools, banks (although Indian rupees circulate), newspapers, radio, movies or stamp dealers, in short we are dealing here with a really backward country.

There is a young "Dragon" king who rules with the help of a council of eight and there are also local councils of elders. Already, bureaucracy has begun to creep in with some 125 civil servants on the government payroll.

From the philatelic point of view, Bhutan's few letters to the outside world between World War II and Red China's victory on the mainland were carried by runners to either Kalimpang, India, or Gangtok in Sikkim State. There, regular Indian stamps would be affixed and the letters speeded on their way. In recent years, the Chinese Communists have launched a highway program in neighboring Tibet and it is therefore now easier to send outgoing mail via that route.

A company of Illinois volunteers included a heavy sprinkling of Polish-American GI's from the Chicago area. One morning, while the non-Polish speaking sergeant bravely struggled through roll-call, it was so foggy that you could hardly see your hand in front of your face. Suddenly, between names, the sergeant sneezed loudly, whereupon six voices answered, "Here!"

But back to Bhutan whose first issue consists of these four values: 1 anna blue, 2a red, 4a green, 5 rupees orange.

The second issue has four values also: "1" blue (25 n.p.), "2" red (50 n.p.), "3" green (100 n.p.), "5" carmine (500 n.p.).

There are bound to be some additional values before long and we recommend especially the first set, mint or used. If you can locate it, \$8 is not too much to pay.

Bhutan has an area of 18,000 square miles and a population of about 300,000 "Bhotiya" who speak a Tibetan dialect. The semi-autonomous state of Sikkim provides a small wedge which divides Bhutan from another Himalayan state, one that is more familiar to philatelists, Nepal. (We were once shown a cover franked with a mysterious Sikkim local stamp which we had never seen before and haven't seen since, nor has it ever been mentioned in the philatelic press to our knowledge).

Bhutan's capital is Punakha which was originally a mountain fortress, but there are no cities in the Western sense, but mainly small groups of, or individual, farm houses. The British in neighbor-

the writers feel that there will be a great deal of demand for both Bhutan stamps and covers once the new philatelic entity is granted catalogue recognition. Collectors always show special interest in the postage stamps of remote and little-known countries and Bhutan certainly fits that description.

No, we haven't forgotten to wind up our series on the island of Dominica with our usual concluding

comments on this colony's stamps and postal history but space has run out and we'll have to attend to the matter in next week's column.

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Mrs. Robert D. Lowrie

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Greetings! What poor correspondents we've been during the last few months. Really, we are ashamed of ourselves. But, like everyone else here, we blame our lack of energy on the high altitude—for the want of a better excuse.

March will be our first anniversary in Tehran. This past year has gone by like the proverbial wind. It seems more like 3 than 12 months.

About 4 1/2 months ago we acquired a kitten, who has become quite an important member of our household. She's black, so we named her Siyah which is Farsi for black. She's a pretty little thing, quite bow-legged, and very spoiled. She dislikes strangers and when we have friends in to play cards or chat Siyah sulks under the bed. Like us, Siyah has to have her shots, too, rabies, and in a few weeks a distemper inoculation. She does not have long hair, nor does she have a pedigree, but there is not a doubt about her Persian ancestry, since she was born in Persia!

This past year in Iran has been a memorable experience. We've lived in a culture very different from our own (Tucson, Arizona); we've observed customs which were ancient before Columbus discovered America. To most Iranians, the United States represents a sort of Mecca—for instance, they will pay fabulous prices for any American-made goods. We have learned not to believe anything the shopkeepers tell us, especially about the antiques, since the antiques are manufactured especially for Americans!

We have learned that Iranians are very friendly and hospitable. They like most Americans, but think we are all a little crazy since we rush around madly all day and don't even slow down when we are relaxing.

Among themselves the Persians observe a very strict protocol. They never say the equivalent of "Hi, how are you?" Instead, there are set phrases which are required in salutations and good-byes, including different phrases for servants, etc. Their greetings seem to go on forever. One day, when our landlady and I were downtown we were trying to get a taxi. Two men got to the taxi first, but offered to share it with us. We refused, of course, since it isn't a good idea to share a taxi in Tehran—too much danger of being robbed, etc!

But the way in which they invited us fascinated me—they said, so our landlady translated, "Which part of Tehran will be honored by your presence?" She said it would have been very rude if they simply had asked: "Where are you going?"

One custom which could certainly be upsetting for American women is not setting a time when Iranians invite each other to their homes. They ask friends to call, say on a Sunday. It is very rude to set a definite hour, but it is generally understood that the party will be held during the afternoon. The guests, however, feel free to arrive for lunch, if they like, or not arrive until 8 or 10 p.m. The poor hostess gets ready before noon and just waits, and waits. They usually serve tea, so a new brewing of tea is required for each new arrival—it could get very monotonous!

The Iranian New Year (No Ruz) will begin March 21—a four day holiday. It's one of the best events of the year. One of the traditions is to have on the dining table seven objects, all of which begin with the letter "a" in Farsi. "No Ruz" is a period of open house, literally thousands of years. Formerly, it was customary to build small fires and jump over them chanting a verse about the departure of winter and the arrival of spring. We've been told this custom still exists in the remote provinces.

We hope to fly to Persepolis during No Ruz. That is what remains of one of the ancient palaces of Darius the Great. Bob (Mr. Lowrie) has travelled a lot in Iran on temporary duty assignments, but my travels have been limited to a holiday on the Caspian Sea last fall. But the roads in Iran are in such poor condition that driving isn't much fun, so I am content to see most of Iran from Bob's colored slides.

In a few months we plan to leave Iran. We don't know where we'll go. The Corps of Engineers has an office in Karachi. With that as a base, we could see parts of India. On the other hand, it would be fun to go back to Europe and see everything we missed before. As the Iranians say— "Inshallah" Allah willing! We'll see what happens...

Sincerely,
Dorothy



MEXICAN COLLECTION RATES HIGHLY. For the second consecutive year, a display of Mexican material has captured a high award at Denver's Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition. Noble de Roin, right, captured a silver medal winning second place with his collection on the Coach Seals of Mexico. He is shown pointing out a rare cover without seal to Herbert Henning, German Philatelic Society librarian who represented the German Society at the recent event.

Work To Enhance
Your Collection

Helen Vogt

One of the advantages of joining a stamp club that I have found is it stimulates the competitive spirit. Before joining I was content to save in shoe boxes, on stock cards, in envelopes, in a huge illustrated stamp album or loosely in envelopes. Then I joined a club and found out about blank pages, printing, ways of mounting, illustrating, research, etc.

I have shown covers twice, a collection of Guatemala (mounted three times with added data and stamps each time), flags of the 21 American Republics (mounted twice) and limited showings of specialized United States and Spanish Colonies. When you have a deadline to meet and under the urgencies of the Program Chairman you find yourself doing things you never expected to have time or energy for.

At the present time I am corresponding with a stamp collector in New Zealand and exchanging United Nations for New Zealand. This is in the stock card and loose covers, postcards, illustrations, etc. stage, waiting for me to find time to do research and set them up. Also my United Nations is in about the same condition, except that I am now adding maximum cards. I have a miscellaneous collection of flags,

maps, flowers and animals, not yet large enough to divide into groups and set up.

I am often envious of the artistic ability of my fellow members in setting up their collections. It is a long slow process for me to find maps, photos, covers and statistics as well as mint and used stamps in an endeavor to mount mine as distinctively as they do!

I find it fascinating to go in old bookshops and dig in magazines and books for articles and old maps and enjoy receiving foreign postcards and envelopes with new stamps for my collection and interesting facts. I am delighted when one of my friends gives me something for one of my collections and get great pleasure out of finding something for them in return, or standing in line for first day covers for them or mailing Christmas cards from the United Nations.

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When a mere boy Martin became a Christian against his parents' wishes. At the age of 15 he was seized and enrolled in the army. On one winter's day, while at Amiens, he met a beggar almost naked and frozen with the cold. Martin having no money to give to the beggar, cut his cloak in two and gave the beggar half. That night he visioned he saw the Lord clothed in the half cloak and heard him say to the angels "Martin, yet a Catechumen, hath wrapped Me in this Garment". This made him decide to be baptized.

In the year 372, Martin was made Bishop of Tours. One night as I was listening to my radio, Mr. Ripley of "Believe It or Not" fame, told a story of Martin of Tours, and stated the Beggar as described above was none other than Saint Patrick, the patron Saint of Ireland, honored on the 17th of March.

France has issued stamps to honor great people of the world such as Hugo, Pasteur, Anatole France, Balzac, Foch, Joffre, Pierre and Marie Curie and others. The Curries gave a lot to this world of ours in the discovery of radium, used in connection with that devastating of diseases, cancer.

Germany always released many semipostals the extra money being given to various charitable organizations. One of that nation's most famous sets came in 1933. It is known as the Wagner Opera. In the designs are portrayed various scenes of "Tannhauser", "Der Fliegende", "Das Rheingold", "Die Meistersinger", "Die Walkure", "Tristan and Isolde", "Lohengrin", and "Parsifal".

SAAR has issued numerous semipostals, many referring to religion and charity. One of 1928 portrays Raphael's "Charity" sometimes known as the "Madonna and Child". In 1931 a design portrays the "Widow's Mite", its value is about one fifth of a cent!

Teachings have informed us that when our Saviour was at Jerusalem in the temple, he beheld how people cast their money in the Treasury Box as voluntary contributions to buy wood for the altar, necessities for the temple or to be devoted to charitable uses. It was there the poor woman threw two mites into the Treasury Box. The smallness of the offering did not prevent our Saviour from observing it. He called the attention of His disciples to the fact that this poor woman had cast her all into the container.

Since 1913 Switzerland has issued many stamps portraying various Coats-of-Arms of the Cantons, National Heroes, Statesmen, various types of farmhands, etc. Among the great people so honored are two well known in charity work, J. Henry Dunant who was also honored by Belgium in 1939. Dunant while in Italy in 1862, witnessed appalling scenes on the battlefields, of men wounded and dying. On his return to his native country, Switzerland, he urged the formation of a society to aid the sick and care for the wounded, by volunteer workers. Such a meeting was called at Geneva, October 29, 1863, and as a result there was created what is now known as the "Red Cross".

Florence Nightingale, better known as "The Angel with the Lamp", received her training as a nurse while visiting hospitals in London, Paris and Egypt. During the winter of 1854 the British and French, as allies, were fighting the Russians. Both the British and French lost many men from disease, the Russians lost two out of every three from sickness and starvation.

These tremendous losses were serious. Before the end of the year 8000 men were ill and less than half the army fit for service. No doctors, nurses, or hospitals to care for these unfortunate. From England came "The Angel with the Lamp", Florence Nightingale, with a staff of 38 nurses, arriving in time to receive the sick and wounded soldiers from the Balakava and Inkerman and these angels, angels of mercy, worked at times for twenty hours a day, their efforts resulting in reducing the death rate from forty-two to two percent, a remarkable accomplishment.

With her work completed, Florence Nightingale and her aides returned to England. The then reigning Queen, Victoria received them



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at Balmoral, and listened to plans suggested by Florence Nightingale for urgent reforms for military hospitals, which were later adopted.

As philatelists, we have lots to be thankful for in getting to know people who are pictured on stamps and who lived to do so many things for the betterment of mankind.

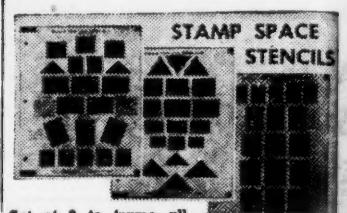
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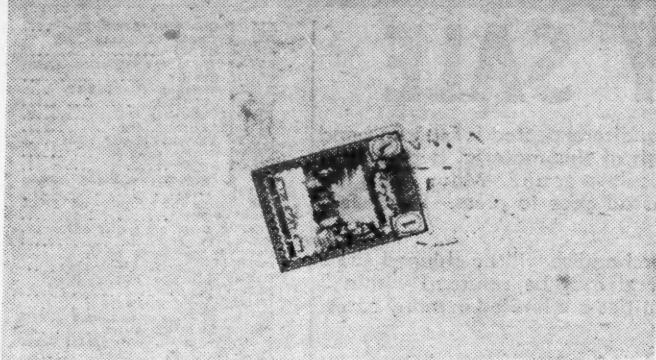
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One of the two commercial covers discovered in Hodeida, Yemen of the 1951 1 bogash official stamp used as a provisional 4 bogash without overprint in early October 1956.

Yemen Official Stamp
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Bruce Conde

When reporting the "accidental" release of a few sheets of a hitherto unsuspected official stamp of the 1951 series in an earlier issue of LINN'S the writer suggested that only if this stamp saw postal use during a stamp shortage would it be likely to achieve catalog recognition.

Upon arriving here in Yemen early in November and checking with fellow philatelists M. H. Dossa and Adnan al-Tibi in the seaport town of Hodeida (Yemen's new provisional capital and commercial center), I found that this is exactly what had come to pass during the first weeks of October, when the present lack of any 4 bogash stamps for first-class inland mail became acute.

After the Sana'a postmaster's attempt to gain approval for his new "Type C" provisional surcharge (as reported in a previous article) had failed and his supply of Postage Due and other 4 bogash remainders had either run out or been tucked away for philatelic sales to rare stamp collecting visitors, this gentleman laid hands on additional "accidentally issued" 1 bogash 1951 officials and began using them without any overprint whatsoever, as 4 bogash provisionals.

"But how can Post Office accounts be adjusted between the amount paid for these, as 1 bogash (newspaper rate) stamps and the 4 bogash collected for each letter mailed?" I asked Postal Adviser Mustafa al-Kablawi, knowing that Yemenite postmasters have to pay, cash in advance, for all stamp stocks, which are considered royal property and are held in palace vaults.

"That's exactly what I asked," he said, with a laugh, "and the reply was a royal order directing that we release a higher value than four bogash against postmasters' payments of 4 bogash per stamp, and that under no circumstances should that particular stamp serve to prepay its former nominal value." The story of this "not what it seems" higher value will form the subject of a third and final sketch of the stop-gap measures now being employed by the Yemen Post Office to tide over until a new and adequate issue of 4 bogash definitives appears, in the indefinite future.

Very few copies, possibly only a sheet or two at most, of the 1951 official appear to have been used prior to the mid-October release of the higher value. The copy on cover illustrated herewith came to me through the kindness of Adnan al-Tibi, who found only two amid several hundred commercial covers received in Hodeida from Sana'a in early October.

Lichtenstein Award
To Harry Lindquist

By unanimous vote of the Board of Governors of the Collector's Club, the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for 1957 has been given to Harry L. Lindquist, president of the Collectors Club 1929 to 1932, able student of the stamps of Guatemala and of Norway, and for many years editor and publisher of the magazine "Stamps."

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A Salute To The Vine!
Stamps With Grapes And Wine

Mrs. Clara Studer

Among my childhood unforgettables will always be the joy of rocking back and forth, back and forth, on the wild grapevines expressly looped to form a swing, here and there among the postoaks of a cow pasture down in south Texas. I believe it was then I first sensed the rhythm that lies in everything pertaining to this most lyrical of fruits of the soil. Even the gallery of the house we lived in at the time was festooned with table grapes of the small "sweetissimo" Black Spanish variety, affectionately planted by my pop before we all were born.

I cannot say that my interest in Grapes and Wine and People stems from five years of residence in Rome (where I am now living), nor even from philately. But, indubitably, stamps have served, here too, to put me on the scent of much stimulating material for a book to be titled (as one hopes and prays), "A Toast to Life", or "Viva la Vita" in all the grape growing languages. Inevitably so, since Bacchus was also the symbol of fruitful vegetation, of life itself. Progeny he was of Semele, or Mother Earth (Reference, see eloquent stylized stamps of Mexican agricultural products set), and of Jupiter, or Jove, who may be seen on a couple of Greek Stamps, one of which portrays him about to hurl a thunderbolt.

Chateau du Clos de Vougeot and vineyard, France

We see Bacchus, the god of Wine, in person on a recent Greek stamp as the Divine Voyageur reclining in a craft, whose mast is a vine with clusters of grapes for a sail. Strictly a stamp with a tilt this is, designed after an Attic cup by the master potter Exekias.

No one knows exactly when, or where wine originated, but that it was being vintaged six or seven thousand years ago is certain. Most of the legends maintain that it was Bacchus who brought Vitis Vinifera to India and taught the inhabitants how to cultivate it, though others credit Alexander the Great (twice on Greek Stamps) with that noble mission.

According to still another school of wine lovers, it was the devil who taught Noah to engender this beverage. At any rate, "It. Ararat, where the Ark came to rest, appears in the background of a Russian grape harvest stamp. And a cluster of grapes, as well as Mount Ararat itself are still features in the national emblem of Armenia according to the early Armenian stamps and as shown on a Russian provincial stamp.

The wild grape was riotously native to the eastern shore of the United States, especially in the area of Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colony of Roanoke, off North Carolina. Thus, I fondly hoped to track down a vine on a charming stamp honoring the first white-child, born in the colony, Virginia Dare, though it turned out to be merely a peach tree. And the 1950 California statehood remains our only stamp with a veritable bunch of grapes thereon.

Captain John Smith was one of the early explorers who prophesied a great vine growing future for our country. And had Leif Ericson had his way in the year 1000 A.D., the U.S.A. would have been Vineland and we, all of us, Winelanders instead of Americans a la Vespucci (Reference—see U.S.A. Iceland, Italian stamps for these three explorers).

Christopher Columbus, too, brought back vines to Queen Isabella though the vine is not visible on any one of the Columbian Exposition set. Nor is the fact that Queen Christina endeavored to further grape-growing in New Sweden

found on either the U.S. or the Swedish Tercentenary commemoratives of the landing of the Swedes and Finns at today's Wilmington, Delaware.



Bulgaria has a cluster of grapes.

For 200 years intensive and heart-breaking efforts were made to transplant the European wine grapes to our soil, due to the "foxy" taste of the native fruit. They all failed because of the grapevines and other plagues to which the wild vine had established age-old immunity. And fortunately, before they gave up trying and took to hybridization, Jamaica rum and whiskey had established a lusty "beach-head". Among the staunch champions of vine cultivation on our shores was Thomas Jefferson who prophesied, so rightly, the advent of — and actual need for — the temperance movements and the eventual scourge of Prohibition when he wrote:

"No nation is drunken where wine is cheap; and none sober where the dearness of wine substitutes ardent spirits as the common beverage."

Susan B. Anthony, who founded the Daughters of Temperance when the Sons of Temperance refused to admit her, and Frances T. Willard, guiding spirit of the W.C.T.U., both were honored on U.S. stamps although to me Susan B. appears the more mellow. There is no stamp portraying that ardent advocate of Prohibition, William Jennings Bryan, nor is there one of Andrew Joseph Volstead, though President Woodrow Wilson, who vetoed the Act, in vain, does appear on U.S. stamps.

Romulus, founder of Rome, who ordered milk rather than wine libations, is shown on Italy's Augustan set, as he draws a furrow around the site of the city that somehow became eternal. Don Quixote, zany idealist—as pictured on Spanish stamps—really looks the part of a teetotaler grimly capable of slashing wine skins and spilling their contents willy-nilly before the horror stricken eyes of his faithful Sancho Panza.

So much for the "Opposition" to the non-ardent spirits. Let us now turn to some American champions of the fermented juice of the grape, such as Benjamin Franklin, who once expressed the desire to be embalmed in wine so that he might come back after a hundred years to see what had happened to his beloved country. Then there are Famous American poets, Emerson who wrote a hymn to Bacchus, and Longfellow, who baptized "Great Western" sparkling wine and celebrated Bacchus and the vine in prose and verse. Not to forget Edgar Allan Poe, all of whom have been honored by our Post Office Department.

Among foreigners of vinicular interest—unconsciously honored therefore by the U.S.A. — is Lafayette, who not only landed in 1777, but introduced America to Claret. And then there was Gutenberg, worthy son of Mainz, wine

capital of the Rhine, who is said to have gotten the idea for his novelties printing machine from a wine press. The first book printed. The Bible, has been honored by stamps of the U.S. and other countries. The paper used for The Bible has a beautiful watermark of a cluster of grapes.

Since Great Britain honors only ruling royalty on its stamps, William Shakespeare who caroled, "A man cannot make him laugh; but that's no marvel, he drinks no wine", was obliged to wait until 1948, when Hungary portrayed him, and Romeo and Juliette too, on an airmail stamp. Such writers as Voltaire, Victor Hugo, Goethe, Schiller, have been honored philatelically both at home and abroad. The same is true of wine-wise painters and composers of various lands, since not only "Veritas," but "Genius" lies in wine.

Naturally the most beautiful fruit should have appeared often on stamps, both in the yellow-green and lush purple of the grape, or in the color of the wine itself, as in the rose color of a Burgundian mademoiselle in costume, flanked by grapes. Of all the countries, Lebanon has obtained the best midnight blue result in a cluster, while the Greek stamp of a Faun bearing both grapes and raisins, reveals the source of "vino bianco" in the most entrancing tints.

Algeria has green leaves and reddish-violet berries on her single grape stamp, in contrast to the sober-sided gray-blue of one from Cyprus with a bunch of grapes alongside the picture of the British Queen. Some six stamps feature a cluster alone, while Greece gives us a large cluster and a smaller bunch together with bread for the Sacrament. Bolivia has issued a Chalice-With-Host stamp and there are several others with chalices as well as the Vatican City of the arms of Pius XI, flanked by grapes and wheat.

On France's Scott No. 1 Ceres stamp the Goddess of wheat, Ceres, wears a cluster of grapes in her hair. It had been planned to have wheat there but somehow or other grapes appeared, and grapes they remained. On all three of the Swiss stamps in his category, a lady's straw hat is decked with a bunch of grapes. The latest of these, for the 1955 Vevey Fete des Vignerons, is particularly

colorful. Brazil has a Festa da Uva (Rio Grande du Sul) stamp; Portugal issued her only wine stamp for the International Viticultural (Continued on page 15)

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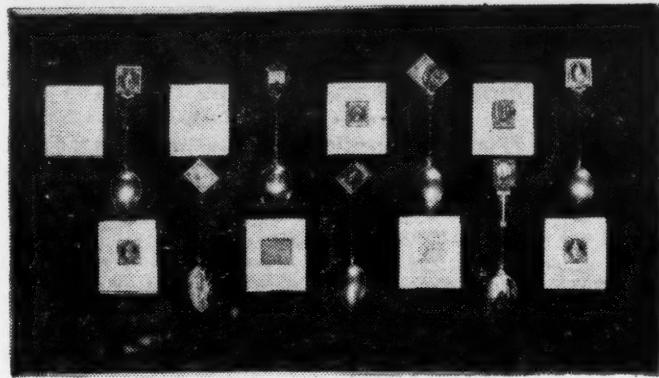
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The Stamp Spoons!

Mrs. Charles H. Gerber

My first position was in the export department a very large corporation and when my young nephews found out about this, they immediately asked for stamps. At that time it was a case of first come first served in the mailing room. That was before the big companies sold their used stamps. The foreign ones from all over the world made the boys very happy, and I too became interested in them and pretty well acquainted with the many many countries where our company's offices were located.

Time passed—I got married—and what do you think I married? A stamp collector! When we set up housekeeping boxes of unsorted foreign stamps came with his "dowry". We just kept collecting; once in a while we would sort the material, but it seemed to me that accumulating and gathering were the main objects. It got so that I called my husband not only a stamp collector, but a garbage man for he knew where to ferret out envelopes that had been discarded. Sometimes he even found a first day cover. Then too he traded with everyone and the boxes grew in number.

One day he walked into the house and said, "How do you like this?" I was delighted—it was a spoon with a stamp! It was the Panama spoon of 1892 which appears in the photograph. The search for other stamp spoons became an obsession with us. We covered quite a bit of ground over many years—all of the Eastern States from Maine to Florida — a thousand miles of Eastern Canada — we attended all the antique shows we could, and in about ten years came upon the seven spoons shown here.

Surprisingly, in spite of our travels, all these were found right in New York City, in antique and silver shops. They were known to our friends as the "stamp spoons" and were the envy of all stamp collectors who saw them. At that time we simply displayed them in an open spoon holder.

We did not press our search for their origins as we were just interested in them as novelties, but after my husband's death in 1953, and I had disposed of most of his stamps, I became interested in the spoons which I had kept together with those parts of his collection on which we had both worked.

One day I read an article in a national antique magazine about collecting Souvenir Spoons. Each month I found a different category was covered, such as history, personalities, cities. I waited in vain for Stamp Spoons and then wrote to the magazine and enclosed a photo of what I had. The editor answered at once and was absolutely fascinated by them. To my great surprise she had never heard of or seen them. She added that more research would be needed and could I tell her more. I did my best. Research was conducted by the late Carl Drepper, a leading authority on antiques in the world. He had never seen any.

I quote from Mr. Drepper's letter to me: "The indication of '800' on the shank of the spoon is, of course, the silver quality content mark. 800 is not equivalent to sterling but is an indication of continental European production and from the marks you have shown we suspect French sources. . . We suspect from the type and kind of spoon bowl and handles the date is somewhere between 1880 and 1900."

Much further correspondence ensued and the article appeared in the July 1954 issue of "The Spinning Wheel". From later research I am convinced they were made in France, as Mr. Drepper suggested: "for sale to other places as exclusive souvenirs."

With the appearance of this article in the magazine, I felt sure I would be swamped with letters and offers of more stamp spoons. Only one letter arrived. It accompanied a spoon mailed from New Jersey and priced at an exorbitant figure. To my astonishment it was silver plated and the stamp merely a paper one of Belgium pasted on the top and an enamel scene of a cathedral of Brussels in the bowl. Mine are of the finest cloisonne enamel and of magnificent workmanship. I returned the item from New Jersey and continued my search which has, thus far, been fruitless.

One day I become acquainted with a member of the Women's International Stamp Club. Our conversation revived my interest in stamps and I joined the club. Before the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition I arranged with the help of an expert philatelic friend to have the spoons mounted with the corresponding stamps. They were exhibited in the Lounge of the Women's International Stamp Club at FIPEX.

The expert framing and mounting and the stamps which are an added indication of the approximate date give me a wonderful collector's "item" a "frame" which far surpasses the old spoon holder.

And I am now deep in stamp collecting again with "Rulers of England" as my theme. I have always been a student of the life of Queen Victoria, her ancestors and descendants and one of these days I shall have "frames" of stamps and collateral material which I hope will be of interest to many others than myself.

Stamp collecting is a wonderful hobby, and there are so many side-lines. Membership in a club is also essential a good time is always had by all in our group.

A SALUTE
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Congress of 1928. Both of these last two are in red wine colors.



Israel, bearer with a cluster of grapes.

The Biblical motif, from the Book of Numbers, of the huge cluster from the Brook of Eshkol which they cut down and "bare it between two by men upon a staff" was used on stamps twice by Israel, once literally by Bulgaria and again by that same country with variations. The most sacred fruit throughout the ages appears on two Marian Year stamps, one of Belgium and the other of Liechtenstein. The Christ-child is seen in both designs.

Otherwise, grapes appear with children on stamps; in a Saar portrait of the young sons of the painter, Ruben; in the autumn panel of the French Fountains of Bouchardon, and on a lovely 1938 Roumanian stamp in green of a blonde child looking up at a cluster of grapes, issued in honor of a Health-via-Fruit week.

The functional designed stamps in this bracket include an Austrian of a man planting a vine; three grape harvests — French, Russian and Liechtenstein (from Courvoisier) — two male vintagers and twelve vintagresses. Four of these are Turkish for the Smyrna Fair and all are very attractive except for the colors. Italy's Lady Vintager (by Mezzana) and Liechtenstein's are the most enchanting.

Tiny Liechtenstein has given us the only observable wine press, while Italy has a Mezzana design of a Campagna wine-cart on the way to Rome. And there are at least ten pictorials with vineyards, or vines, ascertainable. Besides the Parsifal Holy Sacra-

ment design there is another German Wagner stamp of Tristan and Isolde and the Welcome-Cup. The five other "glass-in-hand" stamps include an Austrian of a vintager bearing also a bottle with a long glass stem, and a mystical Greek 1953, with one figure drinking red wine and another playing the pipes of Pan. The other three wine-drinking stamps are all French, namely a Maid from Languedoc, a Champaignoise and Gargantua who is apparently saying with Rabelais, "How good of God to give us this juice!" Wine bottles are discernible on two stamps, both Austrian, while decantor and glasses appear on a French-craftsman set and a 1954 Chinese issue includes an ancient lacquered Wine Cup.



France shows the "Gargantua" of Rabelais with the cup that cheers.

All told, I make it 85 bona-fide grape and wine stamps, 33 of them to the credit of France, Germany and Bulgaria with a total of 11 each. But there could easily be others. A Dutch journalist who includes the vine stamps in his overall "Man and Mankind" collection recently put me on the trail of nine stamps not previously noted. And I would be most happy to make contact with any other fellow philatelic Knights or Ladies of the Vine!

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The varieties I have in mind are more than specks but still are certainly getting into the specialized field. Take for instance the low "V" in the old type Louisville, Ky. Bureaus. And the spread between the X and A of Texas in the Houston B-11 coils. There are others and these varieties often appear in whole series of stamps.

What I have found out, and it seems a very sensible thing to do, is that many collectors are getting just ONE example of these items and are not worrying about the others. They are concentrating on the major varieties and are getting more fun out of building their collections in so doing. By all means collect all varieties if you like them but if you want a representative collection just make a try for one of the varieties that occur in a series of stamps and let it go at that.

This can be carried out on the ERRORS as they occur in all but one case on single varieties. The one exception is the MIKWAUKEE error. The above is just a thought take it or leave it.

PRECANCELLED ENVELOPES

An energetic group collects these items but I must be fair in saying that they are not collected generally. Like stamps the values run from common to rare, from cents to dollars in value. The following list of Pennsylvania items is given more as a lead to collectors so that they know where to look for them than a list that some one has in his collection.

It is assumed that since all these are 1c items that they were probably used by church groups—Emmaus, Fullerton, Kutztown, Palmerston, Cherryville, Zion Hill, Northampton, and Nazareth. All from Pennsylvania. So now if you have friends in these places have them on the lookout for these envelopes.

CENTRAL CITY NEBRASKA

I hesitate in mentioning this stamp, because from some of my recent correspondence I gather that any stamp I mention must be rare. This of course is not my intent and is not true. Many stamps I mention are because they are ones first seen or have some other significance to them that is being brought out. The stamp in today's thesis is an ordinary local Liberty series precancel. As far as I know only the 2c value was used at this city.

Some months back a stamp paper started up under the name "Trade-A-Stamp" or something like that. It was an all advertising journal and like so many in the past, has already folded up. The first several issues were mailed with the above mentioned 2c Liberty issue precancels of Central City, Nebraska. So every now and then you run into a copy. Because of the scattered circulation it is not likely that there is a concentration of these items in anyone's stock. And the value cannot be more than that of any ordinary small town precancel if that much.

So the cycle begins. At first no one will want the stamp because it is rather common. As the years pass the situation will change somewhat. This same pattern has happened fairly often where other places showered the country with precancels and then slowly disappeared from the mixtures and the cheap approvals. It makes one wonder just how many precancel collectors there are or maybe how many precancel accumulators there are.

Some of you will remember Elsie, Mich. but a better stamp and more in line with the Central City item is the Holmes Park, Missouri. It generally was seen on the 1c Bi-cent issue. There are a dozen others no doubt with a career similar to the above all having their little bits of personal history behind them.

BULLETIN BOARD

The Nebraska News, May issue from Valley, Nebraska with 1c Liberties. The Nebraska roster mailed separately from Osmond with a 2c Prexy and Dated. The Nebraska count is 406 Towns and 615 Types.

The New Jersey Skeeter for May mailed with a 2c Liberty from Pine

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Mrs. Grace E. Beach

Beach (U-121n type). This is a neat little sheet 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 and punched to fit a standard ring binder that size. A novel idea to say the least.

The Southern California bulletin in with a 2c Prexy (where do they still get these 2c Prexes?) from San Marcos. Type U-121n. This issue is plumb full of photos of the Fresno roundup they had last month.

The May issue of the BUCKEYE bulletin of the COPC was mailed from Loudonville, Ohio.

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To honor the event, the Austrian post office released a stamp on June 11 (valid from June 14) depicting the old 1907 Daimler and a modern Steyr-Daimler-Puch touring coach of the Austrian Federal Post Office. The design was by Hans Ranzoni, engraving by the same artist, and recess-printed (2 million copies) by the Austrian State Printing Office in Vienna. This 1S. stamp is printed in dark grey.

The End Of The "Costumes" Set

Austria's "Costumes" series of definitive stamps, which has been the current one for use on the mails since 1948, is being replaced by a new set showing various Austrian landscapes. The majority of these (if not the whole set) will be engraved, and the first value was released on June 18 with validity as from the 22nd of the month. It shows the famous Abbey of Mariazell, lately restored and founded 800 years ago this year.

It also is a 1S. designed by Hans Strohofer, engraved by Georg Wimmer, and recess-printed in unlimited quantities in the normal small size of the present "Costumes" series. This low value (printed matter in Austria is franked 1S.) appears to indicate that the set—for the first time since the issue of Austrian stamps in 1850—will be entirely engraved. Its colors will differ from the present issue as this 1S. is brown.

Release of this first design proves that a set of similar landscape designs submitted by Leopold Pferrer in 1948, and stated to have been held for subsequent use, will not now be printed and issued.

Saar Invalidates Old Stamps

Most of the Saar stamps now still good for postage will be invalidated with effect from the end of June. After June 30, the following issues (mostly no longer available from the local stamp sales agency, and in any event withdrawn from general sale on January 1 when the Saar again became an integral part of the German Federal Republic) will lose their validity:

Definitive series "Saar IV", issued between 1949 and 1951: 10, 60c., 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 25, 30, 45, 60, 100fr as well as the 15fr "Saar University".

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The following Saar stamps continue to remain valid for postage: The President Heuss portrait definitives released January 1; and these commemoratives: Olympic Games 1956; Winterberg Memorial 1956; "Peoples' Aid 1956"; Saar Re-Affiliation; Saar Fair; 1000 Years Merzig (all 1957).

A number of the "Saar IV" definitives, and the Winterberg Memorial stamps (all of which were taken off sale on January 1 except at the Saarbrucken Philatelic Agency) are still available from that office.

Israel Jewish Festivals, Honor Stamp Show

Latest details about forthcoming stamps from Israel have now been published. In August, three stamps (denominations of 50, 160 and 300 pruta) will recall the traditional Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement Festivals with designs showing seals of the Judean Kings, in the 8th to 7th Centuries B.C. They are by Miriam Karolyi, Haifa, and will be printed in two-color photogravure by the Israeli Government Printer.

The other stamps are for the forthcoming international philatelic exhibition "Tabil" and will be released in time for the September 16 opening. Triangular in shape, and valued at 100, 200, 300 and 400 pruta respectively, they will depict, when placed together, the famous mosaic of the Bet Alpha synagogue. Their design is by Errel and Pegaz, Tel Aviv, and the offset-lithographic printing in six colors has been executed by

Lewin Epstein, Bat Yam.

The mosaic in question found in the ancient synagogue of Bet Alpha in the Jezreel Valley, shows the signs of the Zodiac with an allegory of the sun.

"Graphic 1957" Postmark

A special postmark has been granted by the Swiss Post Office in addition to the 5c stamp which was released earlier this year in honor of the International Printing Exhibition "Graphic 57", Lausanne. It shows the badge of the show.

Other Swiss special postmarks, carried by travelling post offices, will remind postal users of the Yodeling Festival at Herisau (June 15-16); the Young Musicians Meeting, Zurich, the Catholic Youth Meeting at Jungnacht, Basle; the 800th anniversary of Fribourg; the Narcissus Festival at Montreux, and the Swiss Philatelic Congress at Brunnen.

Ghana "Kwames" Remain On Sale

Until further notice, the Ghana Post Office has decided to keep on sale the four stamps released on March 6 to honor independence, which were due to be withdrawn on June 6. Stamps of the old Gold Coast series, values of 2c, 2½c and 4d (equivalent denominations of three of the "Kwame Nkrumah" issues) were to have been flown to London for overprinting with the legend "Independence 6th March 1957" then returned to Ghana. However, a last-minute technical hitch evidently delayed the overprinting, and the "Kwames" remain on sale in Ghana until further notice.

It is not unlikely now that they will be maintained on sale until the new Ghana set of definitive stamps, under consideration by the Accra authorities, is ready for issue.

Ghana airmail forms, overprinted with the "Independence" legend, have been ordered in London to fill up stocks of these forms which were locally overprinted in Accra.

Indonesian Stamps Withdrawn

Indonesian stamps have been on sale to Dutch collectors until June 1 this year—naturally, only such stamps as were issued under Netherlands auspices. Now a decree has stated that they must be withdrawn from the philatelic bureau of the post office, although of course they remain on free sale via the stamp trade in Holland.

French Release "Free Togo" Stamp

The 15fr stamp for the "Autonomous Republic of Togo" was issued on June 11 in Paris and locally. Its design shows a Togo woman in front of the Republic's new flag.

At the same time, an additional two definitives for the Wallis and Futuna Islands, denominations of 3fr and 9fr, both showing the design by Cami, "Native and mountain lake", were issued.

Belgian Set For Cultural Work; Helicopter Service Also Publicised

On June 8 the Belgian post office released a set of six stamps with surcharge devoted to cultural works, particularly the "de Raet" and "Plisnier" foundations. The designs present a French and Flemish Belgian who were active in parallel fields, as follows:

20c + 5c C. Plisnier and A. Rodenbach, writers; 20c + 20c E. Vliebergh and M. Wilmotte, higher education workers; 1.20fr + 30c P. Pastur and J. Hoste, publicists; 2fr + 50c L. de Raet and J. Desprez, social pioneers; 3fr + 1fr C. Meunier and C. Permeke, sculptor and painter; 4fr + 2fr L. Gevaert and E. Empain, industrialists.

The set is photogravure-printed by Malvaux plates at the Stamp Printing Offices, Malines from designs by E. Meert. They remain on sale until August 31, and are valid for postage until September 30, 1958.

One June 15, the 100,000 helicopter passenger was carried by the SABENA helicopter service, and to promote the service and honor the occasion, the Belgian post office released a 4fr engraved stamp portraying a Sikorsky S-58 helicopter of the Belgian airline. A fleet of eight of these machines flies a regular service in Belgium and neighboring countries.

The design was by E. Meert, the engraving by L. Janssens, and printing again by the Stamp Printing Office in Malines. The stamps remain on general sale at all Belgian post offices until the end of July 1957.

Czechs Recall Lidice

The 15th anniversary of the destruction of Lidice was recalled by two stamps on June 10, a black 30h. reproducing a stamp issued ten years ago by the Czechs for the same occasion, the face of a woman ravaged with sorrow, mourning for the dead of Lidice; the other stamp is a 20h. value in red and black, with a design of a rose symbolizing the garden of Peace and Friendship which has

been erected on the site of the old village of Lidice. Both stamps are the work of Karel Svolinsky, engraved by Jindra Schmidt.

Two more stamps, released on June 23, recall the Young Stamp Collectors' Exhibition at Pardubice. A green and red 30h. shows a Young Pioneer blowing a trumpet; the dark brown and light blue 60h. value brings a Young Pioneer girl releasing a dove carrying a letter in its beak. They are designed by Mari Stretti, engraved by J. Svengsbir.

Tunisia Honors Trade Unions

During July Tunisia plans to issue four stamps honoring the trade union movement in that country. They will appear for the 5th International Conference of Free Tunisia Trade Unions, and show an allegory on the 18 and 25fr values, and the Tunis Labor Exchange on the 20 and 30fr designs. These stamps are being recess-printed in Paris.

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To begin, I checked through the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue to identify all stamps showing women who might have been mothers. The next thing was to prove this. Then I decided this was too easy, so I decided further to add to my data the dates of their birth, marriage, and death (if not still living), and the names of their children wherever possible to obtain this information.

The natural point at which to start this collection seemed to be with the "mother" of all adhesive postage stamps, the Number One stamp, the "Penny Black" Queen Victoria of Great Britain. Then if I didn't have the stamp, I had to get it.



The genealogy of Queen Victoria is most interesting and I found most of it in the *Almanach de Gotha* in the Cleveland, Ohio, Public Library where this book is considered so valuable that they keep it under lock and key and researchers must make a special request for it in order to consult it.

It was simple enough to say that Queen Victoria had nine children and to ascertain their names. The next thing was, whom did they marry and were their pictures on stamps, and who were their children? After I had come down to the present generation, the next step was to take another country and follow the same procedure. The fact that so many royal families of Europe intermarried made it both simpler and more difficult to follow the lines of descent and identify the dates and names I needed to make my story complete.

Twenty or twenty-five years ago the collection was not too large but during the last quarter-century many stamps have been produced picturing mothers. It has now reached the stage where, instead of including all the different stamps showing the same woman, I must make a selection of the one that seems to me most artistic, most beautiful, or most representative. Even then it is difficult to get all of them on sixteen album pages for display in an exhibition frame.



The Cleveland Public Library has among its reference books a beautiful illustrated Spanish encyclopedia in some 35 or more volumes. These books were of great help in doing research on Madonna stamps. (To make two frames, I sometimes combine mothers and Madonnas.) No collection of mothers would be complete, of course, without a Madonna stamp included. It was not easy to decide which one to choose, there are so many beautiful ones. For some years I displayed the one known as the Madonna of the Pear, by Durer, but more recently I substituted the Nuremberg Madonna.

In the Scott catalogue there appears under Spain a small, undistinguished-looking woman on a stamp designated as type A110 and captioned "Mariana Pineda." How was I ever to find out anything about her? Well, presumably she was Spanish. Therefore, the Spanish encyclopedia ought to shed some light on her history. Sure enough, it did. And what history! It appears that she was too "liberal" for her time. She also married a man who was likewise liberal.

When he died, leaving her a widow with two children, names not mentioned, her liberal views brought her to the hangman's noose.

In delving into the history of other mothers I came to Maria Theresa, daughter of Charles VI of Austria, and her sixteen children of whom only half could be identified by name. These included Marie Antoinette who died on the scaffold.

Then there was Genevieve of Brabant, Patron Saint of Paris. According to legend, when her husband accused her of infidelity and ordered her put to death, she escaped with her one (another nameless child) to the forest where the animals provided her with milk for the little one. The account goes on to say that she was afterward exonerated and returned home, but adds that, due to the hardships endured in the forest, she did not live long afterward.

St. Hedwig, the youngest daughter of Louis the Great, King of Hungary, became a bride at six and was crowned queen at 14, her husband being a youth only a year or so older than herself and deeply in love with her as she was with him. However, intrigue took a hand in her history and mad ambition to ascend her throne brought about the breaking of her marriage. Of three disputants to her right to the throne, she finally agreed to marry Jagiello, Duke of Lithuania. It was 13 years before she became a mother, naming her daughter Elizabeth Boniface. This child lived only a month and Hedwig herself about a week longer.

Then, of course, I came to Cleopatra on a small stamp of Egypt. Mustn't let her down! She was the daughter of King Ptolemy Euleutes of Egypt Queen of Egypt for 22 years, and bore a son named Philip to Herod the Great. Julius Caesar became enamored of her and she bore to him a son named Caesari. Then Mark Antony fell in love with, and married her, after divorcing his wife to do so. To him Cleopatra bore twins, names not given.

Then there was Queen Marie of Romania and her six children, including the notorious Carol who married and was later divorced by Princess Helen of Greece, sister to King Paul, and the mother of Michael.

Literary and dramatic talent was not lacking among these mothers who included "Carmen Sylva", otherwise known as Isabel of Romania; Sigrid Undset, author of several well-known books; and Sarah Bernhardt, the dramatic actress. Americans Elynor White Dare, Martha Washington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Whistler's mother, and Eleanor Roosevelt found themselves places in this picture gallery of mothers.

The diplomat-painter Rubens' two wives, Isabel Brant and Helena Fourment, appear on stamps of Belgium, and if you like adventure and romance read Ruben's biography.

The mother and widow of the ill-fated Stephen Horthy are pictured on stamps of Hungary and the two wives of Farouk, ex-King of Egypt, on stamps of that country. Then there is Pocahontas, daughter of the Indian Chief Powhatan, who was converted to Christianity and took the name Rebecca in baptism. (This brings in one more stamp of the United States.)

Among the outstanding women brought together in this collection are Marie Curie Skłodowska, discoverer, with her husband, of radium, and Philippa of Lancaster, wife of King John I of Portugal, as well as St. Helena, daughter of King Cole of Britain, mother of Constantine the Great.

Now I must add Princess Grace of Monaco, mother of Princess Caroline.

If you want to delve into all this fascinating lore, attached is a list of the mothers in this collection. The sad part of this story is that it is impossible to do more than hint at the interesting stories behind these stamps in setting them up for display.

Whenever possible I like to show a stamp depicting the woman after she has become a mother or a queen if she became a mother before she became a queen. I also like to show her picture on a stamp of her own country but in the case of British royalty this is not generally possible, the British Colonies supplying the need.

Since Scott began designating stamps of the same general design by the same type number instead of assigning a type number to each new picture as formerly, the type number often does not indicate the specific woman intended. The type numbers listed are, of course, those of the Scott catalogue.

There are still a number of women portrayed on stamps whom I have not had the opportunity to check for being mothers, but with 16 pages full, I have not been too anxious about them. Once I begin,

I shall have to start another frame!

Did I have any adventures collecting these mothers? Well, I converted foreign money into U.S. and sent airmail to Norway to get the new stamps showing Crown Princess Martha so I could have them in an imminent exhibition, and I had a little trouble securing Sigrid Undset and Madame Curie, although I could have had Madame Curie (and did) on stamps of several different countries, but particularly wanted her on the Turkish semipostal on which she first appeared.

Check List of Mother Stamps

Albania A140, Australia A42, Belgium SP69, SP74, SP91-92, SP129, SP131, SP133, SP216; Bosnia SP5, Bulgaria A90; Denmark SP3-4, Denmark Seal #44; Dutch Indies A12; Egypt A25, A69, A100; Ethiopia (Abyssinia) A30; France A198, A255, SP145, SP195; Germany SP266, 9NB15; Greece A82, PT7; Hungary A12, A33, A118, SP27, SP83, SP85; Iran (Persia) A50, Indo-China A31, Italy A101, Jamaica A23 (174), Yugoslavia SP26; Lithuania A123-124, A15; Luxembourg A32, A45; Monaco A99, SP12, SP14, SP16, SP26, SP35, SP51; Montenegro A10; Netherlands A75, SP15; Newfoundland A41, A60, A109, A140; New Zealand SP22; Norway SP4, SP29; Portugal A167; Romania A61, A155, SP173; Russia A22; Salvador A164, St. Helena A21; Spain A9, A110, SP3; Spanish West Africa AP1, Sweden A67; Turkey SP16 (B66-67); United States A121, A137, A237, A269, A406.

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1948 - WHAT DID IT COST?

(Conclusion)

At long last we are finally getting around to the actual cost of the 1948 plate blocks at the time when they were issued. I believe that it took almost a year to briefly describe some highlights relative to the 29 commemoratives of that year (of course, other subjects were interspersed between these columns dealing with the 1948 issues, hence the extended period).

There is a parallel that can be drawn about these 1948 plate blocks, for many dealers, as well as collectors, needed an extra year to catch up with all of them. It took work to complete all these sets and there was a sigh of relief after the last issue came out in December, the Harris stamp. The years that followed were a snap as compared with 1948.

Those collectors who were on the beam, and persistent in completing the plate block sets, especially those in all positions, are now pleased in the knowledge that aside from the pleasure received in the maintenance of their collecting, the value of the stamps had gone up in many instances.

On one issue, Palomar, the two last plate numbers, due to an unusually small run and poor centering, were obtainable but only with great difficulty. As a result of

their early scarcity they have since then remained scarcer than all the other numbers and issues of the entire year.

Here then is the complete composite of the 1948 issues, with a little extra data that may be of interest. For 1948 an extra table is included below to give you some idea, on a comparative basis, listing the price of each issue in 1948 and roughly an average price currently being asked for the same plate block. This particular price is not necessarily the exact reflection of the same plate block all over the country. You may be able to obtain it some place for less, and somewhere else you may be asked more for it. Centering, too, is bound to make some difference in price, higher and/or lower.

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3c GOLD	.25	.25
3c MISSISSIPPI	.25	.25
3c CHAPLAINS	.25	.25
3c WISCONSIN	.25	.25
5c PIONEERS	.40	.40
3c WOMEN	.25	.25
3c WHITE	.25	.30
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3c ROGERS	.25	.40
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3c TURNERS	.25	.30
3c HARRIS	.25	.45
5c NEW YORK	.40	.80

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Face - \$14.16; Plate Single Value
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